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JP-04-307693 relates to a sheet discriminating device having light sources that are alternately switched on.

Statement of Timeliness

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It will be noted that U.S. Patent 5,304,813 was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement on Form PTO 1449 filed May 7, 2001, and U.S. Patent 4,587,434 was cited on the Form PTO 892 in the Office Action of October 17, 2002. Accordingly, Applicants presume that the Examiner already has copies of these references and such references are not listed on the Form PTO 1449 included herewith.

Copies of the remaining references are provided herewith.

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Conclusion

The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the Applicants' Attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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